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Group Art Unit: 1761

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Transferable Components

SECOND STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the patent attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicant also notes the new attorney docket number should appear as P179 1190.US.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this inquiry. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 09-0528, under Order No. P179 1190.US, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified International application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

09/10/2004

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The following items have been received:

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- English Translation of the IA filed on 09/10/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/10/2004
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/10/2004
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- Oath or Declaration filed on 09/10/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/10/2004
- Assignment filed on 09/10/2004
- Priority Documents filed on 09/10/2004
- Power of Attorney filed on 09/10/2004

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